

**Joseph Chew to George Washington, March 14, 1757,
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FROM JOSEPH CHEW ESQ.

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DEAR SIR

I arrived here from New London a few days agoe and hearing you was at Philadelphia trouble you with this, and Capt. Mercer with the inclosed. I hope and Flatter my Self my Lord Loudoun will Concert such Plans as will Effectually Secure our Frontiers and distress the Enemy, and that he will do that for you which you have so justly merited and let your Command be Equal to your deserts. I am sure I can with truth say I know of none who has done so much for their Country, and been so little Noticed and as yet so Poorly Rewarded—however hope soon to hear it is done to your Satisfaction—our New England *Heroism* seems to be mostly at *an End*.

I have a Brother who has acted as under Commissry. for Mr. Walker at Winchester he is young and I hope of a good Disposition, I trouble you with the inclosed for him and Pray the favour of you to show him any—Countenance his Situation may admit of; and give him on my Acct. any Friendly Advice you think Proper, I hope he himself will be greatfull, and I assure you I Shall Ever be so, indeed I make no doubt but you will Receive a satisfaction in Showing Favour to a Poor Youth whose Fathers bad economy has turned him into the world to shift for himself, but this subject would be only troubling you with Mellancholly Scenes you have no Connection with.

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I am now at Mr. Robinsons, he Mrs. Robinson and his Dear Little Family are all well they desire their Compliments to you.¹

Pretty Miss Polly is in the same Condition & situation as you saw her—my best Respects to Capt. Mercer & Stuart accept the same and my most sincere wishes for your welfare and happiness and be assured that I am

Dear Sir Your most Obedt. Servt. Jos. CHEW

¹ It was at Beverly Robinson's house, when in New York in 1756, that Washington lodged, and where he was kindly entertained. It happened at this time that Miss Mary Philipse, Mrs. Robinson's sister, was an inmate of the family. We know the deep impression Miss Polly's charms made on the heart of the Virginia colonel; an impression deeper than when, at sixteen, his heart was softened by the graces of his "Low Land Beauty."